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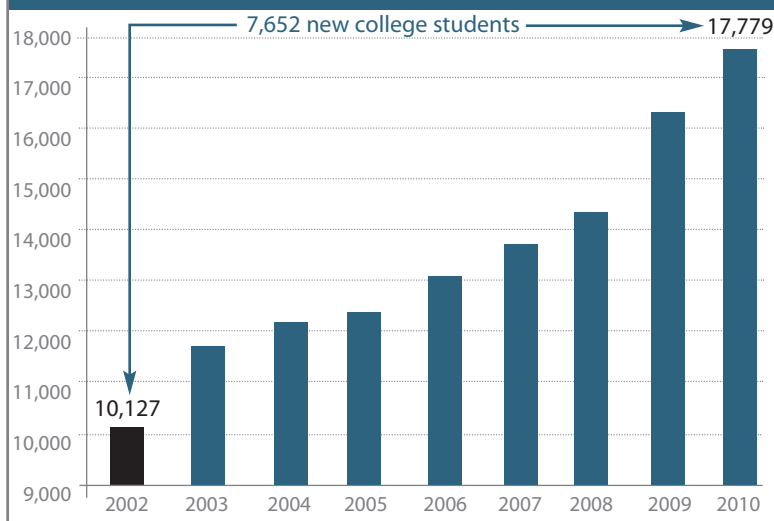
Maine's comprehensive two-year college system, offering technical, career, and transfer programs; customized training; and lifelong learning.

Who we serve

- 95% of 1st-year MCCS students are Maine residents.
- 37% come directly from high school.
- 28% entered with some prior college.
- 50% of all students attend part-time.
- The average age of our students is 27.
- 59% of first-year students are 21 or under; 31% are over 24.
- 50% are male.
- 76% of full-time students receive financial aid.

Enrollment growth

The MCCS is the second fastest growing community college system in the nation. Enrollment has increased 76% in 8 years.



About our alumni

- 93% of MCCS graduates land jobs or continue their education.
- 92% of employed graduates are working in Maine.
- The number of MCCS students transferring to 4-year institutions has grown dramatically in recent years. The greatest increase has been in transfers to the University of Maine System (UMS). In the fall of 2010, nearly 600 MCCS students transferred on to the UMS. They joined hundreds of other recent MCCS alumni who are working towards degrees at over 100 colleges in 29 states.
- Maine's community colleges graduated 625 nurses and allied health professionals in 2009, making the MCCS the state's second largest educator of health care workers.



Maine's community colleges offer the lowest tuition in New England:

\$84 a credit hour.

The average cost to attend full time is about \$3,300 a year in tuition and fees.

Our academic programs

The Maine Community College System offers nearly 300 associate degree, certificate, and diploma options.

MCCS programs are tied closely to the state's economy:

- About 85% of the programs offered at Maine's community colleges are the only ones of their kind in the state.
- In 2010/11, over 730 MCCS students are preparing to become the state's newest police officers, emergency medical technicians, and fire fighters.
- The nearly 500 students who enroll annually in MCCS tourism and hospitality programs provide a skilled workforce for Maine's largest industry.
- New MCCS programs in wind power technology and solar energy are supporting Maine's growing green economy.

Of those enrolled in career programs in fall 2010:

- 24% are in nursing and allied health,
- 20% are enrolled in trade or related programs,
- 17% are in business and office administration,
- 12% are in computer and multimedia programs,
- 8% are enrolled in early childhood education and paraprofessional education.

Direct to college

- Through Early College for ME and On Course for College, the MCCS has awarded nearly \$2.4 million in scholarship assistance since 2003 to high school students studying at a Maine community college.
- The number of students entering a Maine community college directly from high school has increased 77% in eight years (to 2,215).

Customized training and education

- Maine's community colleges delivered customized education and training to 100 businesses—and over 3,176 workers—in 2009/10.
- Since 1994, the MCCS Maine Quality Centers program has helped 222 companies expand their operations in Maine. The result: 12,466 new jobs for Maine people.
- Over 28,000 Maine people are served by the state's community colleges each year—through degree programs, customized training, and credit and non-credit offerings.

Our locations

The seven community colleges and ten off-campus centers are within 25 miles of 92% of Maine's population. Off-campus centers are in Augusta, Bath, Brunswick, Damariscotta, Dover-Foxcroft, East Millinocket, Ellsworth, Houlton, Madawaska, and South Paris.

Central Maine Community College (Auburn)
www.cmcc.edu

Eastern Maine Community College (Bangor)
www.emcc.edu

Kennebec Valley Community College (Fairfield)
www.kvcc.me.edu

Northern Maine Community College (Presque Isle)
www.nmcc.edu

Southern Maine Community College (South Portland)
www.smccme.edu

Washington County Community College (Calais)
www.wccc.me.edu

York County Community College (Wells)
www.yccc.edu